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1. PROPOSED BELOW IS NEW LANGUAGE TO REPLACE PARA 3 OF
THE U.S. ANNEX ARTICLE OF JANUARY 12. U.S. TEAM BELIEVES
THIS LANGUAGE SHOULD BE EMBODIED IN SEPARATE ARTICLE
(REFTEL). COMMENTS ARE IN SUCCEEDING PARAGRAPHS.

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BEGIN TEXT: CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS, DEMOLITION

OGKREMOVAL OF EXISTING BUILDINGS ON AN INSTALLATION AND ALTERATION OR MODERNIZATION, WHICH CHANGES THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF EXISTING BUILDINGS ON AN INSTALLATION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE APPROPRIATE TURKISH AUTHORITIES. END TEXT.

2. THIS FORMULATION IS, WE BELIEVE, RESPONSIVE TO CONTINUOUS TURKISH REFUSAL TO CATEGORIZE MAJOR AND MINOR CONSTRUCTION AND CHANGE ON THE BASIS OF A MONETARY FIGURE. IT AVOIDS SUCH CATEGORIZATION BUT LIMITS PRIOR APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS, DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND CHANGES EFFECTING THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF EXISTING BUILDINGS. THE LOCAL VIEW (INCLUDING THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REP) IS THAT WE CAN LIVE WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENT FOR THESE TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION AND ALL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WOULD REMAIN OUTSIDE THE SINE QUA NON OF GOT APPROVAL MECHANISM.

IN THIS FORMULATION "BASIC STRUCTURE" REFERS TO CHANGES IN THE SHELL OF THE BUILDING; NOT WIRING, PLUMBING AND THE LIKE. THIS IS ACCEPTED MEANING AMONG CIVIL ENGINEERS AND WE WOULD MAKE THIS CLEAR AT THE TABLE.

3. U.S. TEAM BELIEVES THIS LANGUAGE WILL SATISFY MINIMUM U.S. NEEDS. WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT TURKISH WORKING GROUP COUNTERPARTS WILL ACCEPT THIS FORMULATION BUT DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY. WASHINGTON COMMENTS REQUESTED ON TABLING OF THIS LANGUAGE.
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